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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 252

Chairperson: Senator Curt Bromm
Committee: Transportation
Date of Hearing: February 22, 1999

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

The intent of LB 252 is to increase the minimum and maximum fines levied when freight or passenger cars, locomotives, or other rolling stock block a public highway, street, alley, or primary county road for twenty minutes or longer. Under current state law, the obstruction of any public highway, street, or alley that is located within any unincorporated town or village by car(s), engine(s), or other rolling stock for ten minutes or longer consists of a minimum fine of ten dollars with a maximum fine of one-hundred dollars against the offending railroad company (Neb Rev. Stat. § 17-225, 1997 Reissue). LB 252 seeks to increase the minimum fine to one-thousand dollars with a maximum fine of ten-thousand dollars with regards to the excessive blocking of a railroad crossing.

LB 252 would apply to cities of the first and second class, villages, and primary county roads. Under this proposal, if freight or passenger cars, locomotives, or other rolling stock occupy or block, for twenty minutes or longer, a public highway, street, or alley located within a city of the first or second-class or a village, or a primary county road, the person responsible could be subject to a fine ranging from one thousand to ten thousand dollars.

LB 252 further states that this section shall not apply to any member of a train crew, yard crew, or locomotive crew upon reasonable proof that the occupying or blocking of the public highway, street, alley, or primary county road in question was necessary to comply with orders or instructions, either written or oral, of his or her employer or officers or supervisory officials of the responsible entity.

Principal Introducer:

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